

I want to pass along welcome wishes to Afghan President Hamid Karzai as he arrives in Washington. With courage and determination, President Karzai continues to guide his nation along the path to democracy. I worked with President Karzai in the past to improve U.S.-Afghan coordination in the fight against narco-terrorism and continue the hunt for Osama bin Laden. In honor of his visit, I [supported a resolution today](#) welcoming the first democratically-elected President of Afghanistan and recognizing the strategic importance of a strong U.S.-Afghan relationship.